

## **REMARKS**

In the Official Action mailed on **24 March 2009**, Examiner reviewed claims 1-25. Examiner rejected claims 1-25 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Balfanz et al. (“*Talking to Strangers: Authentication in Ad-Hoc Wireless Networks*,” hereinafter “Balfanz”), in view of Weiner et al. (U.S. Pub. No. 2006/0030759, hereinafter “Weiner”), in view of Hermann (EP 1,024,626, hereinafter “Hermann”), in view of Lowensohn et al. (U.S. Pub. No. 2004/0230809, hereinafter “Lowensohn”), and further in view of Hein et al. (U.S. Pub. No. 2004/0215488, hereinafter “Hein”).

### **Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)**

Examiner rejected claims 1-25 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Balfanz, in view of Weiner, in view of Hermann, in view of Lowensohn, and further in view of Hein. Applicant respectfully disagrees, because Balfanz, Weiner, Hermann, Lowensohn, and Hein, either separately or combined, nowhere disclose a resident alert device associated with a resident domicile.

Accordingly, Applicant has amended the independent claims to claim embodiments of the present invention for a resident alert device associated with a resident domicile (see instant application, pars. [0117]-[0126]). Embodiments of the present invention can establish communication between the resident alert device and a provisioning device over a preferred channel (see instant application, pars. [0051]-[0056], and [0119]-[0121]). In embodiments of the present invention, the resident alert device receives from the provisioning device over the preferred channel at least one of provisioning information, or additional application-specific information, site-specific information, network-specific information, or other information (see instant application, pars. [0068], and

[0089]). Embodiments of the present invention automatically configure the resident alert device for receiving information over a secure communication channel responsive to the provisioning information (see instant application, pars. [0089]-[0098], and [0121]). Balfanz, Weiner, Hermann, Lowensohn, and Hein, either separately or combined, nowhere disclose the limitations of the amended claims.

Applicant has added new claims 26-29, which find support in pars. [0119], [0117], [0119], and [0126] of the instant application, respectively. Also, Applicant has amended claim 16 to indicate that the information received by the resident alert device can be information from an emergency operation center (see instant application, pars. [0117]-[0119]). Moreover, Applicant has amended claims 4, 10, and 19-25 to match claim language of the amended independent claims. Furthermore, Applicant has cancelled claims 2-3, 5-6, 8-9, 11-12, 14-15, and 17-18 without prejudice. These amendments are supported by pars. [0117]-[0126] of the instant application. No new matter was added.

Hence, Applicant respectfully submits that the independent claims as presently amended are in condition for allowance. In addition, Applicant respectfully submits that dependent claims that depend upon these independent claims are for the same reasons in condition for allowance and for reasons of the unique combinations recited in these claims.

## **CONCLUSION**

It is submitted that the application is presently in form for allowance.  
Such action is respectfully requested.

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